

2006-2007 Landowner Permits in the CWD Zones

Frequently Asked Questions

When will landowner permits be available? Landowner permits are now available at any license sales location.

How does a landowner receive a DEZ Landowner Permit? Landowners who own five acres or more in a disease eradication zone can go to any license sales location and, for a \$2 processing fee, receive their landowner permit. The landowner permit will be issued as a backtag that will contain the landowner permit number.

I own less than five acres of land but can shoot deer on my property can I still get a landowner permit? Yes, but you will need to stop in at a DNR service center to make special arrangements to get a permit.

I don't hunt myself, do I still need a landowner permit to allow others to hunt on my property? Yes, you still need a permit to allow others to hunt on your property. If you do not hunt, you can call our toll free CWD information line (1-877-WISC-CWD) and request a landowner permit without hunting privileges free of charge. When issued "NOT VALID FOR HUNTING" will be written across the face of the back tag and no carcass tag will be issued.

I own more than one piece of property in the disease eradication zones, can I get a landowner permit for each property? No – owners of multiple separate parcels of land may only receive one permit, which is good for all the properties owned in the disease eradication zone(s). In essence, only one landowner permit will be issued per DNR Customer Identification Number.

In instances where multiple landowners own property within a disease eradication zone, can each owner receive a landowner permit? No – only one landowner may receive a landowner permit. The other landowners can hunt that piece of property under the authority of the landowner permit using a DEZ Hunter permit (described further down in this FAQ).

Will landowners receive a free tag again this year? Landowners will receive one free either-sex tag this year. The either-sex tag will be issued at the same time as the backtag. The either-sex tag allows the landowner to harvest an antlered or antlerless deer during any CWD season. Like last year, the either-sex tag may only be used by the landowner, is not transferable to another hunter, and is not valid outside of the DEZ or on land owned by someone else.

When may the permits be used? The permits are valid September 16, 2006 – March 31, 2007.

What are the weapons restrictions for a DEZ landowner permit or a DEZ hunter permit during that time period? Archery equipment legal for deer hunting in Wisconsin may be used Sep. 16, 2006 – March 31, 2007. All firearms legal for deer hunting in Wisconsin are authorized for use under this permit from Oct. 14 – 22, and Nov. 18, 2006 to March 31, 2007. Rifles may be used under the authority of this permit in shotgun only counties with landowner permission. Archers must wear blaze orange when the gun season is open. **People with a regular deer hunting license, must follow all weapon restrictions and season dates specified in the 2006 CWD Zone Deer Hunting Regulations.**

Can people other than the landowner hunt under the authority of the permit without having to buy a license? Hunters meeting Wisconsin's age and hunter safety requirements and wishing to hunt under the authority of a landowner permit must apply for a DEZ Hunter Permit at any license sales outlet for a processing fee of \$2. Upon application, the hunter will receive a backtag, two landowner authorization forms, and an either-sex carcass tag. In order to hunt, the authorization form must be signed by the landowner and the landowner permit number must be provided. In the field, hunters must wear their backtag and carry with them the signed landowner authorization form for the property they are hunting.

Where can I obtain additional landowner authorization forms? Additional authorization forms can be obtained, by the hunter, at any license sales outlet, free of charge, and must be completed by the owner of the property to be hunted.

Can I hunt anywhere with a DEZ Landowner Permit or DEZ Hunter Permit? No, DEZ permits are only valid within the DEZ, on private lands, where the landowner has obtained a permit and has authorized you to hunt. In addition to your DEZ permit, you must possess a completed authorization form for each property you wish to hunt and do not own. A DEZ Landowner Permit allows the landowner to hunt all the land he/she owns within the DEZ(s). A DEZ Hunter Permit is only valid for hunting when accompanied by a completed authorization form.

Do I need both a DEZ Landowner Permit and a DEZ Hunter Permit? No, only one permit is required per person. Either permit, in combination with a completed landowner authorization form, allows you to hunt.

Can I hunt in a DEZ with a regular bow deer or gun deer license? Yes, you can hunt Sep. 16, 2006–Jan. 7, 2007 on state land and on private land with landowner permission. The advantages of hunting under the authority of a landowner permit are that you can hunt with both archery and firearms without having to buy either license, and you can continue to hunt after the regular season closes until March 31, 2007.

Do I need a regular hunting license to hunt on public land in a DEZ? Yes, you do. A DEZ permit is not valid on public lands or outside of the DEZ(s).

Can out-of-state hunters hunt on private land under the authority of a landowner permit, without having to buy an out-of-state license? Yes, they can. Out-of-state hunters that meet Wisconsin's age and hunter safety requirements will have to go to a license sales outlet and get a DEZ Hunter permit at a cost of \$2.

If I lose my permit can it be replaced? Yes, replacements are available at any ALIS license vendor for \$2.

What are the CWD zone hunting regulations between September 16, 2006 and January 7, 2007? Hunters must follow ALL the regulations found in the *2006 Chronic Wasting Disease Zone Deer Hunting Regulations*.

What are the hunting hours? Same as during any deer season, 30 minutes before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset. Consult the hunting hours tables printed at the back of the *2006 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*. Although there is a hunting hours table on the back of the *2006 Chronic Wasting Disease Zone Deer Hunting Regulations*, the table reflects only Zone A hours and there is no accompanying zone map that would allow hunters to properly calculate hunting hours west of Zone A. So the safest bet is to use the hunting hours table at the back of the *2006 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations*.

Is there an Earn-a-buck season? No. Either-sex tagging applies to all seasons throughout the CWD zones.

Do antlerless deer harvested during this year's Either-Sex season count toward an Earn-a-Buck season? Antlerless deer registered in CWD units during the 2006 deer hunting season will not earn the hunter a Buck Authorization sticker since there are no EAB requirements in the CWD units this season. However,

- if EAB regulations are implemented in the CWD Zones for the 2007 season, antlerless deer registered this year will pre-qualify hunters for EAB in 2007.
- If EAB regulations are not implemented in the CWD Zones for the 2007 season, antlerless deer registered this year will not pre-qualify hunters for EAB regulations outside the CWD Zones like it did this year.

Are the carcass tags I obtained last year still valid? No, carcass tags issued for the 2005-2006 hunting season are no longer valid. This year's free CWD carcass tags are green.

What carcass tags can be used to tag a deer in a CWD zone? Any of the following tags may be used by a hunter to tag a deer of either sex in a CWD zone: 2006-2007 CWD Deer Carcass Tag, Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag, Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag, Any Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag, Archery Either Sex Deer Carcass Tag.

Will I be able to donate excess deer to food pantries? Yes, field-dressed deer harvested from the DEZ and HRZ may be donated at any participating butcher or DNR registration station. Field-dressed deer harvested from the remainder of the state may be donated at a participating butcher in the county of harvest, if the county participates in the WI Deer Donation Program.

